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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Department Heads and Elected Officials

FROM: Bob Workman, Chairman *BW*

DATE: November 20, 2002

RE: County Lobbyist Procedures

The 2003 legislative session will provide many challenges for Lancaster County. Given the potential for a reduction of State funding for important County programs, as well as the numerous legislative proposals we have identified, it becomes imperative to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our lobbyist, Gordon Kissel, doing business as Kissel/E&S and Associates.

With these objectives in mind, the County Board has established the following policy governing communications with the lobbyist and testimony at the legislature.

### Direct Communications With Lobbyist

Kissel/E&S Associates has designated Amy Prenda to act as its liaison with County department heads and elected officials. Each of you will be contacted in the near future for the purpose of setting up a meeting to discuss legislative concerns and proposals related to your department. Amy will also be your primary contact with the lobbyist during the legislative session. She can be reached at:

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Suite 400, Cornhusker Plaza  
301 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508-2571  
Telephone: 402/476-1188, Facsimile: 402/476-6167  
Email: [aeprenda@alltel.net](mailto:aeprenda@alltel.net)

Gordon's email address is [gkissel225@aol.com](mailto:gkissel225@aol.com).

### Legislative Updates at the Thursday Staff Meeting

Gordon Kissel gives a legislative update to the County Board every Thursday Staff Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Department heads and elected officials are welcome to attend and participate in discussions. However, it is extremely important to give advance notice to the lobbyist of any legislative matters you wish to discuss at the Staff Meeting. This procedure will give the lobbyist the opportunity to research the matters which you are asking the Board to support or deny. Again, this information should be provided to Amy Prenda. The information should also be provided to the County Board by notifying either Kerry Eagan or Gwen Thorpe.

### Testimony Before the Legislature

Finally, any department head who will be testifying before the Legislature must notify the Board as soon as possible. As in previous years, a written summary of the proposed testimony should be given to the Board and directly to Gordon Kissel. If possible, time should be scheduled on the Thursday Staff Meeting for the purpose of discussing the testimony with the Board and Gordon during the legislative update.

If there is insufficient time to review the testimony at the Thursday Staff Meeting, you should still contact the County Board and Gordon prior to testifying. A written summary of the testimony will still be required for the County Board. Written summaries should also be provided directly to Gordon Kissel.

While the above policy applies only to department heads appointed by the County Board, elected officials are also encouraged to follow this process.

As always, the County Board appreciates the assistance of all County officials who testify at the Legislature on behalf of the County. Given the importance of this legislative session, it is more important than ever for the County to maintain a coordinated lobbying effort.